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SUBJ: VISA ISSUANCE TO BUSINESS VISITORS

REF: STATE 150926

FOLLOWING KEYED TO QUESTIONS POSED REFTEL AS SUBPARAS
(A) THRU (D):

A. AVERAGE TIME BETWEEN APPLICATIONS FOR B-1 VISAS
AND REQUESTED ENTRY INTO U.S. IS TWO WEEKS. MINIMUM TIME
IS ABOUT FOUR DAYS. ABOUT 70 PERCENT SUBMITTED THREE
WEEKS OR MORE PRIOR TO REQUESTED ENTRY.

B. AVERAGE TIME BETWEEN RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND
ISSUANCE IS ABOUT TWO WEEKS. MINIMUM TIME, VERY SELDOM
APPLIED, IS ABOUT 48 HOURS.

C. VIRTUALLY NO B-1 VISAS ISSUED WITHOUT BASIS
(ASSUME QUESTION REFERS TO DOCUMENTATION SUPPORTING STATED
PURPOSE OF VISIT). IN THOSE VERY FEW CASES WHERE EQECIFICALLY
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS NOT FORTHCOMING AFTER EMBASSY REQUEST
FOR SUCH (E.E. WHEN BUSINESS VISITORS CITE ONLY
BULGARIAN EMBASSY OR TRADE MISSION AS SPONSOR AND
COORDINATOR OF VISIT), POST WOULD NORMALLY SEEK TO
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CLASSIFY AND PROCESS AS A-2.

D. OUR OPERATING PRINCIPLE IS TO IDENTIFY PRIVATE US ORGANIZATIONS (AND PREFERABLY INDIVIDUAL PERSON) WHOM WE COULD VIEW AS "RESPONSIBLE" FOR VISITOR DURING STAY IN US. TYPICAL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION WOULD BE LETTER, TELEGRAM OR TELEX OF INVITATION; "REQUIREMENT" SOMETIMES ALSO SATISFIED WITH VISIT TO VISA OFFICER BY INTERESTED US BUSINESSMEN. AS INDICATED PARA (C) ABOVE, POST WOULD NORMALLY NOT ACCEPT GENERAL LETTER FROM MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AS DOCUMENTATION ADEQUATE TO SUPPORT B-1 APPLICATION.
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